

Attending: Darell Harrnam & Geraldine Laux of HRDC, Shawn Crowell of Job Corps, Val Golden of OPA and Brenda Evans of Job Service.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **1) Job Service**

- i) Community Service Fair for Havre was held at April 22<sup>nd</sup> at HRDC. Six individuals attended. Multiple service agencies had tables set up.
- ii) WIRED – Started CDL training at Fort Belknap on April 27<sup>th</sup> – initially had 19 starts, currently 2 have dropped. After the CDL training Fort Belknap 477 training will fund a passenger bus endorsement for their participants.
- iii) Flooring – either in June or July new flooring will be installed at Job Service. This will require a temporary resource area to be set up in the back offices while the front area is done.
- iv) ARRA – Lindy is currently the worker on this and is awaiting funds to be received and then most of the WIA clients will be enrolled for additional services.
- v) Position – Mavis has informed our office that she will retire in September and our office will be able to fill this position.

#### **2) OPA**

- i) Has a vacant position in Blaine County office but is not able to fill at this time
- ii) Val and Katie will be moving to different offices in their building which will allow the files to be moved out of the meeting room and making them more assessable.
- iii) Caseload is busy with seeing an increase in cash cases
- iv) Next week Val will be attending the combined management meeting.

#### **3) HRDC**

- i) Darell relayed they are also waiting for funding from the ARRA
- ii) The summer youth program has received 120 – 160 applications. They are hoping to place 40 kids. They have employers that are contacting them wanting to know when the kids can start. The program will pay full wages up to \$7.25 an hour to the employer and cover workers compensation.
- iii) Employment and training will hire 1 full time staff (part time Summer Youth and part time Adult Education Instructor)
- iv) WoRC caseload has increased and they will be looking at requesting additional funds from DPHHS.
- v) Additional CSBG funding is expected and the plan will be to fund the part-time Adult Education instruction for outreach to Liberty, Blaine and the reservations. Also use additional funds to increase Food Bank hours and what food the clients can receive and additional Child Care things.

### **Committee Report**

- 1) JobLINC website – no report. Val did raise concerns that she feels agencies would really use this and it has still not been set up on Bullhooks Server.

**Next Brown Bag** – Brenda will see if Extension Office would be available.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** July 15 10:30 a.m. at Havre Job Service.